

Grant from the Town of Queensbury

Plans are in progress for a video that will show our three galleries at the Shirt Factory, Glens Falls City Hall and the Queensbury Hotel in addition to the shows at Crandall Public Library in July and December. A free opportunity has been offered to NCA to show the video by Lake George TV and other venues. It can also be used on social media.

This is made possible by a \$2000 grant from the Town of Queensbury. Advokate will be hired to create the video. The video will be used to advertise the shows on Lake George TV and other stations, as well as the internal video of the Queensbury Hotel, and social media, Town of Queensbury and City of Glens Falls websites.

If you have any ideas where this video can be used, for free, contact Dolores Thompson at clayconcepts@yahoo.com.

NYSCA Decentralization Grant administered by LARAC - Climate Change and the Arts

An application was made in December, 2023 to NYSCA Decentralization administered by LARAC to fund a project dealing with the effect of climate change on the environment as seen through the arts. It will entail newly composed music for a ballet and an art exhibition both of which will deal with this important subject.

NCA has received notification that it would receive \$2250 toward this proposed climate change project. Since this is less than half of what was requested, it was decided only to do half of the project this year. Therefore only a newly written composition by Catherine Reid and Anthime Miller will be preformed as a concert with an accompanying art exhibition with the theme Climate Change.

The concert and exhibition will be held at The Hyde Collection instead of the proposed Wood Theater. The exhibition will be in the Rotunda across from the auditorium where the concert will be performed on Sunday, Nov. 17. The exhibition will be a pop-up show from Nov. 14 through Nov. 17th. It is a special arrangement between NCA and the Hyde Collection so that we can hold the exhibition at the Hyde. **Start thinking now about the subject Climate Change for the show in any medium. There will be a size limitation due to the curvature of the wall in the Rotunda.**

Grants from the City of Glens Falls

NCA is still waiting to hear about its request for \$2400 to advertise for one year in the 518 Profiles Magazine. We expect to hear in May. If we receive the grant we will receive three half page and seven quarter page ads in the monthly magazine as well as a six page story about NCA, its galleries and exhibitions. This magazine is distributed throughout the Capital Region to the North Country.

Please note that the 2025 City Hall 2nd Floor Gallery schedule is being assembled now. If you wish to exhibit your work in 2025, contact Robin Brewer at her email address: elizabeth122935@gmail.com. Application page 7 of this newsletter.



President's Message

Dear North Country Arts Members,

It has been a great honor and privilege to have served as President of North Country Arts. During the past six years much has been accomplished. We opened the Mezzanine Gallery on the second floor of the Queensbury Hotel and dedicated the small gallery space in our Shirt Factory Gallery to Elizabeth (Betty) O'Brien where solo shows are held during regular scheduled exhibits. The 2nd Floor, the Shirt Factory and the Friends Galleries continue to give local artists opportunities to exhibit work.

Particularly memorable happenings were the Gala, celebrating our 50th anniversary and the Covid quarantine exhibits were possible through innovation. All our events would not have been made possible without the expertise, commitment and dedication of the Board of Trustees, the Gallery Committee, the Hanging Committee, the Marketing Committee, and those members who volunteer to sit in the Shirt Factory Gallery and I thank you. As my tenure ends, I am confident that NCA will continue to flourish.

Most sincerely,
Judith Aratoli Tully

EXPRESSIONS 2024 by Jacqueline Touba, Ph.D.

Out of the 111 pieces submitted to the Expressions 2024 there were 74 selected by juror Susan Hoffer to be accepted for this year's juried show. Ms. Hoffer also selected the award winners who were presented their awards at the opening reception on May 4th. The winners were as follows:

Gold award - (\$500) Robin Brewer for Ethereal Reflections

Silver award - (\$350) Jill Murphy for Summer Dream

Bronze award - (\$250) Eric Pearsall for Atlas

Honorable Mention (\$100) Monika Faulhammer for Head for the Hills

The exhibition will continue until June 15th. Expressions is made possible by a grant from the Touba Family Foundation.



Expressions winners, l to r: Ed Pearsall - bronze winner for Atlas, Juror Susan Hoffer, Jill Murphy - silver award for Summer Dream, Monika Faulhammer - honorable mention for Head for the Hills, Robin Brewer - gold award for Ethereal Reflections

North Country Arts Art Awards for Students made possible by a Stewarts' Grant

This year, NCA received \$850 from Stewarts' Shops Christmas Wish for children to give five students a NCA membership and coverage to participate in six NCA regular shows and Expressions. Students chosen were from the 100 student pieces juried into the Hyde Collection Student High School Exhibition. They were from five different high schools as follows:

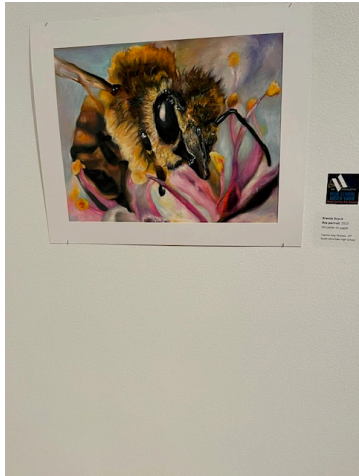
Lillian Wright - 11th Grade, Glens Falls High School
Title: Butterfly

Brandy Boyce - 10th grade, So. Glens Falls High School
Title: Bee Portrait

Evangeline Landry - 10th Grade, South Glens Falls High School
Title: Saturn's Ice Rink

Drake Belrose - 11th Grade, Schroon Lake High School
Title: Lumos

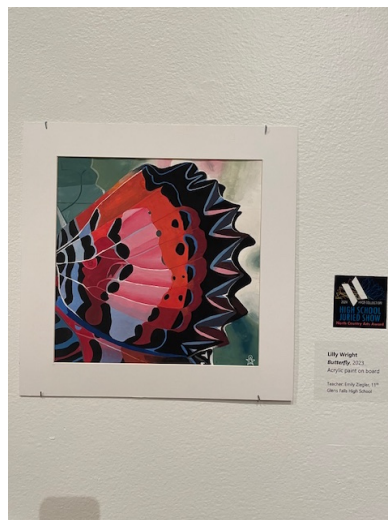
Maya Rosko - 10th Grade, Saratoga Springs High School
Title: Apple



Brandy Boyce: Bee



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Lillian Wright - Butterfly



Drake Belrose - Lumos



Evangeline Landry - Saturn's Ice Rink

**2024 FALL NCA'S 2ND FLOOR
CITY HALL GALLERY
SCHEDULE**

**DATES OF
DISPLAY**

Rosie Badera

3/30 - 6/29

Deborah Bryk

6/29 - 9/28

Donna Britton

9/28 - 1/4

by Dennis Wilson

Rosie Badera

The NorthCountryArts spring exhibit at City Hall is currently running and features the beautiful acrylic and oil paintings of retired businesswoman, Rosie Badera. Rosie's position as a manufacturing company's executive gave her the opportunity to travel internationally, and when not attending to business duties she enjoyed visiting museums and collecting ceramic mugs which she loved for their beautiful artistry.

After retiring, she explored her interest in art and pottery. She attended art workshops and she also learned online. Gradually she was able to sell some of her work to friends and family. Sales increased, and now she sells art through local galleries. At her reception she gave an inspiring talk about how she successfully pursued her art interests after transitioning from the business world.



Artwork and pottery this page by Rosie Badera

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Deborah Bryk

Deborah Bryk's passion is nature photography, an interest she developed as a child. At 16, she bought a manual film camera, and when her father built her a basement darkroom she learned to develop the black and white film. Now her work is with digital photography. A Dean's List student at Fulton-Montgomery Community College, Deborah's main interest is in bird photography, especially the behavior of owls.

Through her photography, Deborah is best able to appreciate the beauty of nature and note its importance. In her work with owls, she wishes to show them living a "complicated existence," which is always on the edge of survival.

Photography below by Deborah Bryk. Left - "Snowy Owl," right - "Snow Bunting"



Donna Britton

As Donna Britton began photographing her husband's motorcycle, she had no idea it would be a subject in her art. The shapes, forms and lines fascinated her and motivated her to add her own motorcycle-like shapes, forms and lines to create original, imaginative compositions. She crops her compositions and uses bold, contrasting colors to create the excitement and energy of the bikes rather than realistic depictions of them.

Donna holds a BA in Art Education and an MA in Administration and Supervision; she taught Art for 31 years in Hudson Falls. She works with a variety of styles and materials: abstract design, still life, landscapes, drawing, block prints, and many others.

The abstract motorcycle acrylic paintings are her most recent pieces. In 2023 she displayed 30 motorcycle themed paintings in her show "Motorpsychedelic" at the Adirondack Lakes Center for the Arts. "Lookin for Adventure," another motorcycle themed painting, won a second place award at the Paul Nigra Center Fall/Winter Juried Show. Donna has shown her work in many galleries: LARAC, the Hyde Collection, the Paul Nigra Center, NorthWind Fine Arts Gallery among them.

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Member News

Dennis Wilson: NCA member Dennis Wilson entered a chip carved piece in the March, 2024 Northeastern Woodworkers Association Showcase and won the blue ribbon for first place in the Chip Carving Division. (right)

Ruth Crotty: In the last few months Ruth has been accepted to Arkell's The Art of New York Juried Art Show and NCA's Expressions 2024: Annual Juried Show. Also, she received the Outstanding Portrait Award from View's Central Adirondack Art Show and Juror's Choice Award from NCA Juried Fine Arts Exhibit, as well as Honorable Mention from Colonie Art League's 2023 Holiday Show. In the January 2024 Bold Brush Painting Competition her painting was selected as part of the FAV 15%. It has been a busy year, and this summer she is looking forward to Plein Air painting with the PAADK Group.



Above: Blue ribbon award for Dennis Wilson's chip carving

Juried Photography Show

North Country Arts will be having their Annual Juried Photography Show this July, 2024, at the Friend's Gallery in Crandall Public Library, Glens Falls, New York. The show is open to all members of NCA and non-members. \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members for two pieces. All work should be wired, ready to hang.

Drop-off date will be announced at a later date as well as the timing for the reception, name of our juror, and awards ceremony. All work will be hung for the month of July, 2024. Drop off: June 29. Pick up is on or before July 31st.

A postcard will be sent to members, regarding this show, as well as an e-blast. Any questions, please contact Adelaide Walsh Leibold at 518-316-1629.

2nd Floor Gallery, City Hall Exhibit Space - Application on Following Page

NCA's 2nd Floor Gallery, Glens Falls City Hall, has a new format for 2025. We will be showcasing artists during the year following a seasonal calendar, thus four three-month shows yearly. The shows will run from Jan 1 to March 30, April 1 to June 30, July 1 to Sept. 30, Oct. 1 to Dec. 30.

There will be no exhibition fee for the artist or commission percentage on artwork sold.

Artists exhibiting need to be up to date on membership fees and they will be responsible for setting up and advertising their own reception.

The gallery space is for solo shows featuring either one or two collaborating artists. The gallery will no longer be offered for groups. NCA has had a long history with Glens Falls City Hall, and will continue its partnership in supporting the arts in our area.

Call for Art

If you are interested in exhibiting at the 2nd floor gallery, please go to the NCA website northcountryarts.org and download the instructions for applying. If you have any questions, you can reach the NCA contact person, Robin Brewer, elizabeth122935@gmail.com or at 518 260-5313. We are now accepting applications for 2025. Application on following page.



2nd Floor Gallery at Glens Falls City Hall APPLICATION FOR 2025

ARTIST'S NAME _____
PHONE # _____
EMAIL _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____
WEBSITE _____

DIGITAL IMAGES – ARTIST'S STATEMENT – ARTIST'S BIO

For consideration please submit the following:

***THREE DIGITAL IMAGES that represent work you will be exhibiting. IF YOU ARE SELECTED, the images will be used in our newsletter, other publications, and social media.**

***DIGITAL IMAGES, along with ARTIST STATEMENT and ARTIST BIO should be E-MAILED to contact person,
ROBIN BREWER, at elizabeth122935@gmail.com**

***MAIL the completed APPLICATION FORM**

Robin Brewer
46 Candleberry Drive
Queensbury, NY 12804

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Dennis Wilson: 2nd Floor Gallery Exhibit Writer and Solo Show Writer

2024 North Country Arts Schedule

Queensbury Hotel Mezzanine, 2nd floor

June 29 - end of August

Drop off and pick up - June 29, 1-2 p.m.

Expressions Juried Show

May 4 - June 15

underway now

My Way

June 22 - August 3

Drop off: June 15

Juried Photography Show, Crandall Public Library

Drop off: June 27, 3-6 p.m.

July 11: Reception

Small Works Show

Art no larger than 12" in any direction

August 10 - September 28

Drop off: August 3

If These Walls

October 5 - Nov. 9

Drop off: September 28

The Sweetheart Deal

Artwork \$99 or less

November 16 - January 7

Drop off: November 9

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